

**Amendments to the specification:**

On page 1, after the title, please insert the following new paragraph:

CROSS-REFERENCE

The invention described and claimed hereinbelow is also described in PCT/EP 2005/054945, filed on September 30, 2005 and DE 10 2004 047 603.0 A1, filed September 30, 2004. This German Patent Application, whose subject matter is incorporated here by reference, provides the basis for a claim of priority of invention under 35 U.S.C. 119 (a)-(d).

On page 1, line 4, please amend the heading as follows:

~~Prior Art~~ Background of the Invention

On page 1, please amend the first paragraph as follows:

The invention is based on a marking device ~~having the generic~~  
~~characteristics of claim 1.~~

On page 1, line 29, please amend the heading as follows:

~~Advantages~~ Summary of the Invention

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 1-2 as follows:

A marking device according to the invention ~~having the characteristics of~~  
~~claim 1~~ has the advantage over the prior art that when this marking device is

used, the scribed line that is otherwise required can be dispensed with entirely. Additional aids for drawing the scribed line, such as a goniometer and a ruler, are no longer necessary. With the marking device of the invention, the otherwise required scribed line is replaced entirely by a pointing or marking beam emitted by the laser. Thus a clear line can be reproduced on a workpiece, even over relatively long distances, and along this line the user can saw and thus achieve a straight cut. Even uneven surfaces, where a scribed line is difficult to draw, can now be easily and cleanly machined with the aid of the marking device.

On page 5, line 19, please amend the heading as follows:

Brief Description of the Drawings Drawing

On page 6, line 15, please amend the heading as follows:

Detailed Description of the Exemplary Embodiments